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FROM COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.

FT CUMBERLAND Sept 27th. 1755

SIR,

This morning One Packton a Hunter came in quite Spent, being pursued by Indians in Sight of our Sentries, and having been chas'd five days from the grounds about the Extremity of the Road upon which the Pensylvaneans were Employ'd. The Savages pursued him so close, that the Sentry at the Magazine heard him hollow; upon which a party of The Guard was detached, and brought him in. The Man is well known by Several in the Garrison, having hunted for them when they Covered the Road-Cutters.

A party of Volunteers were ordered out, under command of Capt. Savage to reconnoitre the Bottom of Will's Creek. They Rous'd three Indians and fired at them but Soon lost Sight of them. We Continue Alert, and want men much. The Indians discover our Parties by the Track of their Shoes. It would be a good thing to have Shoe-packs or Moccasons for the Scouts. —

I am with Respect Sir, Your Most Obt. Hub Servt ADAM STEPHEN

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The Cooper has been here, but there is no Tools—He comes to work On Tuesday—
I congratulate You on the News of Our Success to the Northward Now is the Time to
push, on this Qr. Nurs. of the Officers are gone from Fort Du Quesne, to the Northward—I
imagine they are weak there, and Send out the Indians to procure intelligence —

This night Sullivan on the S. Branch is to receive 600 lashes for uttering treasonable
Expressions